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Weekend Weather

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
76	73	55
55	43	31
20%	70%	10%

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NUMBER CRUNCH

25

days until Spring Break starts.

Leland not leaving

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Merely three weeks after traveling to Stockton, Calif., to interview for the University of the Pacific's presidential opening, GCSU President Dr. Dorothy Leland has withdrawn her name from consideration.

"I think this is the right decision," Leland said. "This is a time

of unprecedented fiscal challenges at (GCSU)."

Those challenges stem from the nearly 10 percent budget cuts that have been handed down from the Georgia Board of Regents.

Faculty members have lauded Leland's handling of those budget cuts thus far.

Dr. Bob Wilson, interim chair of the history department and university historian, was more than

pleased to hear that she would not be leaving.

"I'm breathing a sigh of relief," Wilson said. "She's managed to soften the blow in many ways.

"As the recession deepens, we need continuity in the administration, and she brings a great deal of ability at handling fiscal preparation for the current crisis."

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A pricey celebration



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Cartel performs at West Campus for a crowd of students at the 2009 Homecoming concert.

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF REPORTER

Not many students seemed to be aware of the costs of homecoming this year. In fact, the budget was \$14,000 more than last year's. The budget this year totaled \$66,000.

Some seemed incredulous at the price they were paying to celebrate school spirit.

"That's crazy," said Amanda Morgan, a senior education major. "I wouldn't even spend \$10,000."

SGA President Ryan Greene said that the increased costs were necessary to provide what students wanted.

"Students asked for more pride on campus," said Greene. "We're doing this for the students."

Greene explained that the money for homecoming comes from the student activity fee which cur-

rently sits at \$69 per student. This fee is slated to increase by \$8 next year. The homecoming budget also comes partially from a reserve fund which also funds Bobcat Vision. Another determining factor is the Student Activity Budget Committee which chooses how to spend money.

"Every year, the budget is proposed, and students can complain," Greene said.

Despite this, students had varying opinions on the costs of homecoming. Some were happy to see such spirit on campus.

"GCSU is lacking in school spirit. This is a good way to boost it," said Maria Acosta, a freshman political science major.

Homecoming was memorable for one student as a new experience and something she had never had before.

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LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Firefighters suit-up to enter Herty Hall Monday afternoon.

Herty evacuated, no threat

BY LISSA SPEER
STAFF WRITER

Fire trucks, police cars and an ambulance blocked off North Wilkinson Street in front of Herty Hall as the building was completely evacuated Monday after the fire alarm activated in response to smoke in the building. The cause of the smoke, however, was not a fire or a chemical explosion as many circulating rumors claimed but a belt on an air conditioning heating unit.

"(The unit) was in (room) 130. The alarm went off on 338 and it went up through shaft," Tom Dietrich, Milledgeville fire department chief said. "It was a belt that was broke and wrapped around the motor and just got all twisted up and as the motor was spinning, the rubber on the belt was just disintegrating."

A strong odor accompanied the smoke which further concerned professors and students. Professor Harriet Whipple was teaching when the alarm went off.

"When we came out, we could smell and knew this was real," Whipple said. "When I first heard the alarm I said 'Oh heck I didn't know there was going to be a fire alarm today.' Then we came out and smelled something I said, 'Oh my god I better get out.'"

Everyone in Herty Hall was able to exit the building without starting a panic or

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NAACP celebrates 100th anniversary

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
SENIOR REPORTER

After 100 years of battling injustice on American terrain where we cling to the ideals of equal rights for all citizens, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People celebrates their centennial birthday. The GCSU NAACP Collegiate Chapter smiles in satisfaction and continues to fight for equality for all.

Allia Carter, advisor of GCSU NAACP and the 2009 Flagg Social Justice Legacy Award University Honoree, has been a member of NAACP for over 20 years and is proud of all the organization has done.

"Turning 100 shows that NAACP is a rooted organization and that it's not going anywhere," said Carter. "I believe in equality and justice for all, and that is what NAACP is founded on."

Nationally, the NAACP organization was founded on Feb. 12, 1909, by a multiracial group of activists in New York City. In the midst of intimidating adversity, NAACP grew into a nationwide organization with leaders such as Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard and William English Walling. Battling the Ku Klux Klan, racists and even the law, they succeeded in winning historical cases, such as Brown vs. Board of Education.

The GCSU NAACP Collegiate Chapter began on May 1, 2003. The current GCSU NAACP president, Jessica McIn, is proud to be involved with an organization that greatly impacts the lives of so many people.

"I joined NAACP because I wanted to be a part of an organization that was open to people of all cultures and backgrounds that were willing to talk about any political or social issues that were happening in their lives today," said McIn.

Since their founding, the GCSU NAACP has led and organized numerous events, the most well-known being GCSU Idol.

"NAACP likes to put on GCSU Idol because it brings all different types of people together," said Marcus Green, president of the Black Student Alliance, student ambassador and NAACP treasurer.

NAACP's focus for the 2008-2009 academic school year is to increase awareness and education in the community. The GCSU collegiate chapter seeks to have a multiracial assembly, since all 15 members are now African-American.

"NAACP is typically viewed as a minority group, but in reality most of the founders were Caucasian women. We are attempting to break down that stigma," said Green. "For us to be a liberal arts institution we do not have enough students seeking to understand progressive issues."

One of the ways the GCSU NAACP chapter is striving to increase multiracial interest and membership is by encouraging other leading, progressive student organizations to get involved.

"The generation now is not so big on movement," said Carter. "They are more self-centered. People need to take the opportunity to get involved – and that is what NAACP is trying to do."

Advocating for the poor, gender rights and people facing social injustice, the NAACP's most recent strides in society dealt with the Jena Six Case. When the accusations against the six were taken to court, the GCSU NAACP rallied professors and students to wear black to recognize the events.

"NAACP still has a lot of work to do today. A line of fairness and equality needs to be reached,"

NAACP FACTS

- NAACP was founded in 1909
- Started by a group of multiracial activists
- Headquarters is located in Baltimore, Maryland
- The objective of the NAACP is to ensure equality of minority citizens

Info provided by: naacp.org

said Green. "Until we get rid of racial issues, NAACP cannot subside."

When the NAACP was founded in 1909, words like "colored" were still socially acceptable, and segregation was a newly introduced idea. Equality for all, although prescribed in the Declaration of Independence, was only a dream for many. Although American society has come far from this era, the GCSU Collegiate Chapter of NAACP shows that there are still many arenas needing expansion in order to ensure the freedom and equality for everyone.

MainStreet to revamp downtown

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

The selection of Belinda Washlesky as the new Milledgeville Main Street executive director brings fresh ideas for downtown including additional retail business and a proposed farmer’s market.

Main Street is the Downtown Development Authority in charge of revitalization and economic development efforts within the historical Milledgeville business district.

Though Washlesky is still busy getting acclimated, ongoing and future projects flood the Main Street agenda. Parking, landscaping and the proposed farmer’s market consume short-term plans.

Parking remains a hot topic within the city’s downtown area. The new 15-space lot, formerly a skate park beside the Golden Pantry off Hancock Street, is the most recent attempt at curtailing complaints.

“We want to see what we can do to work better with the parking situation. Some of it is real and some perceived. People feel like if they can’t park right in front of the store or restaurant, there’s no parking,” Washlesky said.

Both Washlesky and Main Street Board Chairman Justin Jones agree the new park-

ing lot and surrounding area need a facelift. According to Jones, cleaning up the land around the Golden Pantry could provide a better look for one of downtown Milledgeville’s main gateways.

The Main Street board also voted to pick up a farmer’s market project. The launch date is early spring, with the tentative location set at the parking lot adjacent to the post office.

The produce would have to be Georgia grown. Based on Jones’s estimations, 25 farmers are ready to sell organic fruits and vegetables. The market will be held on Tuesdays to avoid competition with other venues in the Middle Georgia area.

Eventually, Washlesky would like to see more retail business downtown to complement the abundance of restaurants. Main Street Secretary April Bragg said she wants downtown to be more of a destination for the college and the greater community.

“We want the whole shop and dine and stroll experience,” Bragg said. “We want people to spend an afternoon or an entire evening, instead of just coming in to eat dinner and then head off somewhere else for entertainment.”

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Georgia Main Street: Central Super-Region	
City	Manager
Athens	Kathryan Lookofsky
Commerce	Hasco Craver
Covington	Josephine Kelly
Elberton	Position Vacant
Fort Valley	Loraine Khoury
Jefferson	Beth Laughinghouse
Madison	Ann Huff
Milledgeville	Belinda Washlesky
Washington	David Jenkins
Waynesboro	Andrea Stein
Winder	Position Vacant

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Soaring grades

BY ALLISON BRAMLET
STAFF WRITER

One in ten college freshmen in Georgia with the HOPE scholarship needs remedial help, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. So how are these students able to maintain a B average in high school for the scholarship yet still need remedial classes once in college?

A recent study by Dr. Chris Clark, a GCSU economics professor, raised the question about grade inflation in schools across Georgia.

Clark’s study analyzed the relationship between high school students’ scores on End of Course Tests and the grade they received in the related courses during the 2006 to 2007 school year. His study found grade discrepancies in some schools and school systems in Georgia.

On a state level, almost 36 percent of students failed the EOCT in economics, but only 5.87 percent failed the course. This is a gap of 29.98 percent, the largest gap of the eight courses analyzed.

These grade discrepancies could be due to teachers not teaching the state curriculum thoroughly or being too lenient when grading. According to the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement, which commissioned Clark’s study, both the teacher-given grades, and the EOCT scores are based on the same standards and should align.

As Clark’s study predicted, the problem of grade inflation can have a lasting effect on the students’ college success. While many high

school teachers say they do not want to hold their hard-working students back from a college education, it only ends up hurting the students.

The Transition

Shaina McGill, a senior academic advisor at GCSU’s Center for Student Success, has seen college freshman struggle.

“Many times students will come to me in December that are not doing well, and they are usually very good high school students with good GPAs and HOPE scholarships,” said McGill.

McGill attributes this to the students’ inability to make a smooth transition from high school to college.

Some students say one reason they struggle is because the way they studied in high school is not up to par with how they need to study in college.

“In high school, you don’t have to study for anything, but in college, if you don’t study, you don’t have a chance of getting a good grade,” said Catherine Cotter, a sophomore education major.

McGill says high school teachers often provide study guides that are verbatim to the test or quiz.

“Unfortunately, I think in high school, many times teachers may teach to the test,” said McGill. “Now did the students really

Inflation Page 4
Graphic by Claire Kersey

Tornadoes launch Connect-Ed texts

BY DANA LANDERS
STAFF WRITER

Text message received: Feb. 18, 10:44 p.m. A tornado warning has been issued for Baldwin County until 11:30. Please seek shelter immediately.

Messages identical to this were sent to 40 percent of the GCSU campus last Wednesday night as bad weather hit Milledgeville. But who sent these text messages, and why are students all over campus receiving them?

“I got a call and text,” said Jessica Bell, senior, criminal justice major, “so I turned on the TV to keep watch over the storm.”

After the tragic Virginia Tech shootings, the board of regents required all college campuses to come up with a program so campus securities can quickly inform students on what is going on. Connect-Ed is the program that GCSU adopted in the Spring of 2007. It is an online company that provides easy access to a large range of people with the press of a button. The program is used on the GCSU campus to warn students in the event of a dangerous situation. A text message, voice call and an e-mail are sent to everyone signed up for the program in the event of a severe weather warning, a campus emergency or an emergency closing of campus.

Justin Gaines, coordinator of environmental health and occupational safety, explained how the incidents at Virginia Tech changed the face of campus law enforcement.

“Campus law enforcement officers before Virginia Tech were seen as security officers more than anything, but now campus law enforcement officers all over have made the switch from security to police officers,” said Gaines.

Gaines is the man in charge when it comes to Connect-Ed at GCSU. He has an office located in Terrell hall where his desk is covered with a map of all the buildings on campus. A weather alert system sits on his windowsill, a television tuned into the weather channel sits behind his desk and the computer with the link to Connect-Ed is always close by to help make sure he can keep watch on the safety of the GCSU campus. Gaines also has the abil-

ity to sign on to Connect-Ed from his home computer to inform students if weather turns bad late at night.

“I stay up all night watching the weather if I have to,” said Gaines, “I won’t send a message at two in the morning if there is a power outing at school, but if the weather is bad enough I will send a message, no matter the time.”

An important part of the GCSU’s Connect-Ed program is that the messages are only sent in emergency situations. Gaines explained that he did not want students to de-synthesize themselves to the messages, so he will not send messages to inform students of mundane things, such as registration or class updates. A message is sent through Connect-Ed when there is a power outing at school, a chemical spill, the weather turns bad or extreme cases, such as a gunman or intruder on campus.

“I really think Connect-Ed is a great system,” said Terren Partridge, GCSU sophomore and nursing major. “After seeing the Virginia Tech tragedy, it’s nice to know that if something like that ever happened here, I would be one of the firsts to know through this system,” Partridge said. “Knowledge is power and I’d rather get annoyed by the messages and be safe than in danger.”

These messages are great to inform students, but they do come at a cost. Students signed up for the program are not charged to use Connect-Ed. The only fees they can receive are through their cellular service provider and text message plan. The school on the other hand is being charged by Connect-Ed, but is not charged with each message sent. A flat rate is decided based on the number of students signed up to receive the messages and then a package is picked depending on length of the package.

“GCSU is locked in to a three-year package for Connect-Ed,” said Gaines. “We pay around \$12,000-\$14,000 a year to use the program.”



All students, faculty and workers are encouraged to sign up for the program, so they can be informed quickly of information. To learn more about Connect-Ed and find out how to sign up go to www.gcsu.edu/alert.



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-Terren Partridge

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SGA Elects Q&A

BY AUBREY PETKAS
SENIOR REPORTER

ZACHRY MULLINS • MANAGEMENT • SOPHOMORE • SGA PRESIDENT

Q: What, if any, experience have you had with SGA? What major proposals/motions have you supported?

A: I have served as an SGA Senator my freshman year (2007-2008) and the SGA treasurer my sophomore year (2008-2009). I have been active on the campus on a variety of other levels as well. Through my involvement with SGA, I have had the opportunity to serve on the President's Advisory Council and as University Senate Senator - one of only two students.

Q: What sort of changes, if any, can we expect from the 2009-2010 SGA?

A: You can expect a larger SGA presence on campus. We have made such strides to involve the students more in their



MULLINS

government, and you can expect that same initiative to carry on. I hope to provide more government transparency so that the students can see what their fee dollars actually provide, what goes into the budgeting process and what it is that SGA does.

Q: How do you expect to fulfill your elected position? What are you looking to accomplish in the next school year?

A: I hope to continue the good relations that SGA has developed on this campus through the past few years. I look forward to working with the Department of Campus Life and Office of Student Affairs, among others, for a better homecoming, week of welcome and overall campus ethos and pride. This campus has such a rich history, and we have such a bright future ahead of us. I look forward to making decisions and representing the students for the betterment of the University.

ANDREW ROSS SHEPPARD • POLITICAL SCIENCE • FRESHMAN • SGA TREASURER

Q: What, if any, experience have you had with SGA? What major proposals/motions have you supported?

A: This is my second semester in SGA. I have recently gotten involved with the city relations committee and find myself most passionate about this work (as related to SGA). Being from this area and being a student as well, I feel that I can view Milledgeville from a valuable vantage point to benefit both sides.

Q: What sort of changes, if any, can we expect from the 2009-2010 SGA?

A: The current Senate and Executive Board have been very productive this year, so I don't believe there will be many operational changes. Though, being a freshman, not having any experience with previous exec boards, I do not have a reference point on which to base this opinion. I am, however, very excited about



SHEPPARD

working with the new exec board on getting our image out there with some positive publicity and PR to improve the students. I want students to feel comfortable coming to SGA with their concerns, having confidence that we can and want to help them, rather than them being intimidated.

Q: How do you expect to fulfill your elected position? What are you looking to accomplish in the next school year?

A: Filling Treasurer Mullins's shoes will be a big task, but I am expecting a smooth transition, as he has kept very thorough records and spread sheets in Excel. I will be able to jump in and get my feet wet without having to do much (if any) reorganization.

KAYLA MCCOLLAM • PSYCHOLOGY • SOPHOMORE • SGA VICE PRESIDENT

Q: What, if any, experience have you had with SGA? What major proposals/motions have you supported?

A: For the past year, I have served on the Smoking Ban Ad-Hoc helping find a solution for non-smokers to be able to breathe clean air and for smokers to be able to smoke on campus. I am currently serving on a housing committee to research move-in/out dates for the next school year to make things easier on residents. I am on a University Committee with faculty members called Conflict Resolution Committee. This helps take care of students' and faculty's problems within the university. I am now serving on the University Ad-Hoc for the smoking ban as well.



LEAH GLAZIER/
GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER
McCollam

Q: What sort of changes, if any, can we expect from the 2009-2010 SGA?

A: For next year, I expect to see more communication between SGA and the student body, as a whole accommodating the wants and needs of all students.

Q: How do you expect to fulfill your elected position? What are you looking to accomplish in the next school year?

A: I expect to fulfill my position by being open-minded and approachable, enabling people to voice their opinions while helping the new and previous senators reach their goals through SGA.

DAVID MCLAUGHLIN • MANAGEMENT • JUNIOR • SGA SECRETARY

Q: What, if any, experience have you had with SGA? What major proposals/motions have you supported?

A: It is the main goal of SGA to seek out as much student opinion and concerns as possible when carrying out motions in the Senate. With the smoking ban, the SGA Student Senate resolved to enforce the current regulations instead of a full-force ban. This recommendation was made to the University Senate— which includes faculty members mainly and is still in deliberation. I do not think there is an easy solution but do agree that there should be a university-wide poll taken on the matter. We have a phenomenal Senate this year, and I stand behind their recommendations.



McLaughlin

Q: What sort of changes, if any, can we expect from the 2009-2010 SGA?

A: My fellow officers and I make it our mission to hold highest regard for the GCSU student body's opinion when making decisions. You can expect nothing less in the upcoming school year.

Q: How do you expect to fulfill your elected position? What are you looking to accomplish in the next school year?

A: I have been able to maximize the efficiency of my executive office and the secretarial duties this year, and I am thrilled to continue to do so. I want to make SGA more visible to the students and their concerns. Zach Mullins and I have been able to meet with several RSO (Registered Student Organization) groups in the last year and bring their issues to the executive table. We plan to continue this with our newly elected officers.

Faculty return rates remain high

BY MATT ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

GCSU faculty turnover rates have been very low over the past five school years. Since the 2003-2004 school year, each academic year the university has retained from 96.69 percent to 99 percent of our faculty.

The faculty's strong ties to this school support these low turnover rates. Associate Professor Michael Riley is satisfied teaching at GCSU.

"It was a really good choice (to come teach at GCSU)," Riley said. "I love how our national standing keeps increasing."

Assistant Professor Myron Ávila is thankful for his chance to teach here.

"It was a good opportunity (to come to GCSU)," Ávila said. "There's been a few challenges, but overall it's been a good experience."

Even with these high retention rates, a few teachers leave for various reasons.

"Faculty turnover is normal and happens for a variety of reasons such as retirement or family situations," Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences Ken Procter said.

Professors also take jobs at other universities until their university of choice offers them a job they really want.

"Some faculty take positions now for financial security in hopes of getting the job they really want later," Procter said.

GCSU's salary is tenth out of 13 in the state among the state universities according to Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. GCSU's average salary among professors, associate professors, assistant professors and instructors/lecturers is \$48,532, whereas the state university average is \$50,467.

"Faculty leave because they are called in by bigger schools," Bryan Jackson, director of university communication, said. "Private schools have more resources, and they try to recruit the best. There's always a great demand for great faculty."

Incentives are in place to keep our remaining faculty here at GCSU. Professional leave was instituted at GCSU two years ago. Professional leave is an opportunity for faculty who have taught at the university for six years. Faculty can obtain a semester off with full pay or an academic year off with half pay.

"Professional leave is a very strong incentive," Procter said. "It's hard for teachers to balance their work and research. We only have so much time, if you keep adding (responsibilities), something has to go."

Offering raises in pay as incentives can lead to problems among other professors in that department. If one teacher is getting a raise to stay at GCSU, the other teachers in his or her department may feel an obligation for a matching raise to their own salary.

Dr. Paul Jones, vice president and chief of staff and interim vice president for academic affairs, believes there are essential concepts of GCSU that attract both faculty and students.

"Teachers want to be here for similar reasons as students," Jones said. "These reasons include the mission of the university, good facilities, small class sizes and high quality students/teachers."

Some departments, such as Arts and Sciences, at GCSU have endowed chairs, but they are limited and highly competitive; however, not all departments are blessed with these chairs.

"The department of Health Science has no endowed chairs currently, but we are working towards (obtaining some)," Dean of Health Science Sandra Gangstead said. "In these tough economic times, faculty is reluctant to leave if they are on track for tenure unless they are assured a significant salary increase."

There are safeguards in place to prevent faculty from leaving in the middle of a semester. Most contracts for faculty require them to finish out the semester. However, if the contract is broken or the contract does not designate a duration of teaching, part-time or existing professors will take on these classes. A last resort measure is to pay faculty for overload for the added class, which is the equivalent to overtime because they are compensated for the extra work.

"The faculty don't want to put our institution in a tough situation," Gangstead said. "There is a lot of loyalty here. Those who leave have their hearts tugged to stay. They don't leave easily."

GCSU TEACHER RETENTION RATES	
2003-2004	97.27%
2004-2005	99.00%
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Firefighters prepare to enter in Herty Hall Monday.

Herty

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sustaining any casualties.

“The smoke detector did what it was supposed to do and everybody exited the building,” Dietrich said. “It was just one of those things that happens from time to time. It happens everywhere, not just here. Unfortunate that it happened, but everything that’s in place with the smoke detectors and every-

thing, people followed what they were supposed to do. We got a call and we showed up and did what we were supposed to do.”

The contents of the chemistry labs were of concern due to the large amounts of flammable substances in them.

Bryan Jackson from university communications was on the scene.

“Part of the concern is you’ve got various chemicals, so they generally don’t want to send a bunch of

people into the building until they’ve identified what kind of substances we’re dealing with,” Jackson said.

Other than the air conditioning unit, the building did not receive any other damage. The smoke was blown out with ventilation fans by the firefighters.

“We had to ventilate all the smoke out,” Dietrich said. “Ventilating up is the easiest way, so we opened up stairwells and a hatch on the top and blew air into it so that ventilated relatively quick. Then we shut those doors and opened the door downstairs on the level 100 floor, and so that took a little bit longer because things rise just naturally. When it went in and had to blow down, it took longer.”

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Crowds gathered outside Herty Hall Monday waiting to find out what set off the fire alarm.

Students question new Facebook policy

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO
STAFF WRITER

Let’s face it, everybody has a Facebook profile these days. A few years ago, the social networking Web site was used exclusively by students at Harvard University. However, it quickly expanded into what it has become today- a way for people all over the world to contact and keep tabs on each other. Facebook has revolutionized the ease of access to users’ personal information, which has caused many to question what information is appropriate to share and what information should remain private.

Several news stories have emerged in past years which have warned job applicants that their potential employers can see their obscene or embarrassing material, but younger students generally remain naïve regarding the impact of any uploaded material on the Internet.

Users began questioning Facebook’s privacy policy recently due to a blog posting which illuminated a change in the Terms of Service. The new terms took out a clause which prevented the developers of Facebook from using and manipulating any users’ uploaded material, even after profiles were deleted. Many users joined online groups to protest the changes.

Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, clarified and fixed the problem due to the amount of criticism.

“Based on this feedback,” he wrote on the Facebook Blog, “we have decided to return to our previous terms of use while we resolve the issues that people have raised.”

To protect themselves from joining Web sites which allow the distribution of uploaded text or media, users should make sure to always read the terms and conditions of use first. Users should consider using some strict privacy filters that Facebook offers if they plan to post provocative material.

The freedom of information that Facebook offers should urge students to choose their uploaded content wisely. A student never knows if his or her parents, teachers or potential employers could be looking at the pictures from last Thursday night.

Many of the Greek organizations at GCSU enforce strict guidelines concerning what is or is not appropriate to display on the brothers’ or sisters’ profiles. They are asked to censor pictures, mainly with alcohol references, from public view.

Randi Lobstein, a freshman sister of the Delta Zeta sorority explains.

“We can’t have any pictures with alcohol in our hands or around us, and we have to keep our statuses clean at all times,” Lobstein said. “There are people higher up in the sorority whose job is to look at our Facebook profiles to try and find us misbehaving.”

Alpha Delta Pi also censors sisters’ Facebook profiles.

“I keep my profile clean to maintain a positive image of my sorority. I also make sure there is nothing that my mom, who has a profile, would be embarrassed or ashamed

of knowing about me,” Christine Podwoski, freshman sister, said.

Professors at GCSU are certainly no strangers to Facebook either. Dr. Stephanie McClure, a professor of sociology, makes sure to keep any unprofessional material off of her profile.

“I want to maintain a Dr. McClure self on Facebook,” she said. “That’s who’s there. Not so much my personal self.”

While professors most likely do not spy or “creep on” their students, some wisely do keep tabs on what students display to all of their Facebook friends.

“I definitely have some students who I thought of differently after I saw their Facebook,” McClure said as a warning that the students’ best academic interests lie in keeping a clean profile.

Sophomore Zach Hart has an interesting perspective on the effects and significance of Facebook in a college atmosphere.

“I came to college and did not have a Facebook and within a year I had 1,000 friends and pictures,” Hart said. “It has probably been the best and yet most distracting thing about my college experience. I have realized Facebook is a testament of our self-obsessed generation; we choose the best pictures of ourselves and make them our profile picture. We de-tag photos that we don’t like. When we get in a fight with a friend we give the ultimate insult and de-friend them, and inversely you are not ‘real’ friends until you are Facebook friends.”

Facebook today represents a general shift in the acceptability of social standards. Both Dr. McClure and criminal justice professor Jennifer Hammack predict that in the future, employers and society in general will adapt to understand the bleeding together of the personal and professional lives.

“There are some industries that understand that at 22 or 23 years old, most people have probably had sex, had a drink or been around something illegal,” said Hammack. “Not every industry is that way, but I think there are a lot that are. So if they see that sort of thing on Facebook, they might not totally discount [an applicant] from being a good employee or being hired.”

“As a society, we are much more progressive than before and I think Facebook has done a lot to help that.”

Time will tell what the long-term effects of Facebook will be for the ever-learning young generation of Americans. But until then, they should be wary when tagging a status which provides way too much information or the pictures from that crazy kegger last Saturday.

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Inflation

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learn that information? Probably not.”

It is this mindset of academic apathy that follows students to college.

According to a study by the University of California, Irvine, one-third of students said they expect a B for just attending class. Another 40 percent said they should receive a B for completing the required reading.

Grade inflation at GCSU

As Georgia’s liberal arts college, GCSU prides itself on not falling victim to grade inflation. Statistics from the Regents’ Testing Program give insight on grade inflation in Georgia colleges.

“There are schools where there are fairly high numbers of people that have A averages that don’t pass the Regents’ test on the first attempt,” said Dr. Ed Hale, the director of institutional research at GCSU. “For us, that percentage is minuscule...and can be most likely attributed to people not testing well.”

However, evidence from GCSU’s grade distribu-

tion data shows that over the years the number of As and Bs in many classes has grown.

For example, in Fall 2000, about 53 percent of the grades in all English 1101 classes were As and Bs. In the Fall 2008, that number jumped to almost 88 percent.

Yet both Hale and McGill say grade inflation is not an issue at GCSU.

While Hale does acknowledge there may be isolated cases, he does not see the problem as being “endemic.”

“I don’t think grade inflation is really a problem for us as an institution,” said Hale. “Professors grade differently and the content of the courses is different, so you’re going to find that there will be a range of the average grade in various courses by various professors.”

Campus environment sets high standards

One set of data Hale looks at is the National Survey of Student Engagement, a survey given to freshman and seniors every three years. Its purpose is to get feedback from the students about how they perceive and engage in the institution.

A few things NSSE looks at is whether the institution supports out-of-classroom experiences, provides a situation for students from different backgrounds to interact with one another and checks the level of academic challenge.

Hale says GCSU scored “significantly higher” than the other schools in the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges.

Both referenced the campus’s environment of high standards as well as the number of services the campus provides to help students.

“The culture here supports high expectations,” said Hale.

Hale adds that students will receive a bad grade if they are not willing to put forth the expected effort, but that they have many resources to help get them back on track.

“There’s tremendous evidence that students who attend the Learning Center, by large, have higher GPAs,” said McGill. “It’s just getting students to not think of the resource as remediation.”

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Leland

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Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, vice president for student affairs, also embraced Leland’s decision.

“All of us are delighted that she has decided to stay,” Harshbarger said. “Having her here is a win-win for the university as well as for her.”

Students were not as animated about the decision.

“I guess she’s doing a good job,” Ian Frye, freshman environmental science major, said. “The school seems to be doing fine.”

Another student questioned her initial intentions. “I think she went and tested the waters,” said Cole Lewis, a senior business major. “It looks like she didn’t like how things looked out there, so she came back to us.”

However, Leland contends that she was not looking to leave GCSU and had not heard about the opening until she was called by Pacific in December.

“Experienced university presidents get contacted by other universities,” Leland said. “Most of the time they don’t pan out, but sometimes for personal and professional reasons they are

considered. That’s why I explored this option.”

Leland grew up in California and began her college career at The University of the Pacific’s Raymond College.

Raymond, Pacific’s honors college, is no longer open.

Now that she has ruled out leaving the university, her focus turns back to handling the budget.

“The fiscal health of this university is my top priority,” Leland said. “My job right now is to focus on protecting as much as one can against the budget cuts and looking for alternative forms of revenue.”

Impending changes to important leadership positions were another reason Leland sighted for staying. Among these are the new provost coming in June.

Leland will also focus on a number of other projects including completing the campus theatre downtown and procuring state funding for the renovation of Ennis Hall, which houses the G.I.V.E. Center.

There was another reason Leland wanted to decide to stay.

“I can’t imagine better students at any other university,” she said. “This is a very special place.”

Homecoming

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“For me, it’s my first homecoming,” said freshman Stephanie Clark. “I’m proud of it.”

Others were less enthusiastic.

“I thought it was fun, but there could have been more activities,” said Courtney Timmerman, a freshman business management major.

Some students felt left out because of the coinciding Greek Week.

“I didn’t really participate because I’m not in a Greek organization,” Elizabeth Moon, junior art major said.

However, as students see budget cuts happening around them, including a nearly 10 percent cut to the university’s budget, and struggle with economic issues, some question whether so much money should have been allocated to one week of activities.

“It seems a little excessive,” said Brittany Hughes, a senior education major.

Freshman Kirsten Rice agreed.

“I bet we could use that money on better things,” Rice said.

After being saddled with a \$100 fee on top of other school-related expenses, others wondered where the money came from.

MainStreet

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Soliciting vendors and entrepreneurs to fill empty storefront space is a major part of Washlesky’s long term Main Street plan. So far, Washlesky is adapting and feeling comfortable in her new home.

“Sometimes, some new blood can make things right again,” Washlesky said. “We’ll work with anybody and everybody that needs help.”

Washlesky has extensive retail and Main Street experience from consultant and director positions held in North Carolina. Three years in the jewelry business familiarized Washlesky with the challenges of a downtown historic district.

Washlesky replaced Heather Holder, who left her seven-year post to pursue a similar position with NewTown Macon last August. In her absence, the Main Street board operated without a director through the close of last year.

The replacement search lasted a few hectic months, during which Main Street became part of the city government. Washlesky has knowledge of Milledgeville’s new system because she has operated under a similar struc-

ture in North Carolina.

Washlesky still has to learn the different state standards, but Jones is excited about her presence.

“In everybody’s opinion, Belinda was by far the best candidate we interviewed. Her strongest point was her past Main Street experience,” Jones said. “The communities she’d left were

“We want people to spend an afternoon or an entire evening (downtown), instead of just coming in to eat dinner and then head off somewhere else for entertainment.”

-April Bragg

like, ‘She’s a big loss to us, and a great asset to your city.’”

Bragg said Washlesky’s experience under the city structure is a huge help as the board’s role adapts to change.



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Students cheer on Cartel at West Campus, supporting the Homecoming activities.

“It should go toward the extra fee we have to pay,” said Becca Johnson, a freshman mass communication major.

With such a wide spectrum of opinions on homecoming, student opinions, budget changes and other factors may affect what will happen with Homecoming next year.

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Our Voice

Colonnade suggestions for Homecoming

According to Webster's dictionary the word Homecoming is an "annual event held by a college, university or high school for visiting alumni." At GCSU, Homecoming has become a large event, highlighted in the last two school years by a concert with nationally touring bands.

School pride is always an issue, especially at a school such as GCSU that lacks the most common unifier, a football team. But has GCSU's latest attempts to bolster school pride and provide fun for its students become too much?

At GCSU, it seems as if these days students know when homecoming is coming by the multitude of colors that litter this beautiful campus in the form of chalk.

And while the slogans that are created and placed upon every square inch of sidewalk on and around campus are well, creative, it does seem to be a little overwhelming.

Colonnade suggestion number one: limit the amount of chalking each individual is aloud to have.

The Colonnade completely supports the Mr. and Ms. GCSU contest and the voting process to elect our schools student government leaders. But it has gone too far. Where do we draw the line between school spirit and pride for our campus?

Last year, GCSU brought Sister Hazel to campus for a huge Homecoming concert. The school followed the 2008 Homecoming, "Blue and Green like you've never seen," by adding \$14,000 to the budget and brining in Atlanta-based hip-hop group Shop Boyz and Conyers' punk rock band Cartel.

Again, The Colonnade applauds the effort, but we feel like it was a bit misguided.

As the rest of the world cuts back on spending as a direct result of the recession, GCSU spent more money in the name of spirit. Simply put, it sets a bad precedent and really gives the wrong impression.

Colonnade suggestion number two: in tough times scale back, everyone will understand.

While Shop Boyz and Cartel are both somewhat local bands, and most of the student body is probably familiar with them, The Colonnade doesn't believe that they really represent what the student body would like to see.

Colonnade suggestion number three: get more students involved in the process of selecting the band.

More students will be willing to come out and enjoy a concert if they partake in the selection process. Ask students for suggestions and possibly hold a vote when band choices have been narrowed down.

We love Homecoming, but if these suggestions are implemented it will make for a better experience for the student body.

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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



Failure: not a four letter word



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

Today I would like to discuss the "F" word. This little, four letter word, has become so feared in our society that parents hope their children never hear it. The government is leading a crusade against this word. And children, nation-wide may be stunted from never hearing this word.

The word is "Fail". Nobody likes to hear that they failed in something. And your parents definitely are never pleased to hear you failed Calculus. But there is a lot that you can learn from it.

When you are told you are failing at something, it is meant to be a wake-up call that you need to try, whatever it may be, a

different way. In essence, being notified of failure is meant to help you succeed. It's much like discipline in that it's painful when it happens to you, but is intended to make you better in the future.

Unfortunately, our society is afraid of failure. The Oakland Tribune reports that some elementary schools are leaving grading systems altogether. Some of the reasons for this are that the teachers and administrators don't want to make the children feel bad. They don't realize that leaving the grading system altogether ends up harming children more, because they falsely assume they are doing well academically.

I wish I could say that this failure-phobic attitude was only prevalent for young children, but it's not. In fact, at the highest levels of our government, our elected leaders are working their tails off to make sure that companies across the nation don't feel their failures. Look at the American automobile industry, which dug its own grave through sub-

par production and complete mismanagement. Our elected officials have already given them about \$15 billion and are considering giving them more.

Your tax dollars are hard at work subsidizing failure. And it's not just in the automobile industry, but also in the financial industry. Last year the U.S. Federal Government handed out \$700 billion to financial institutions in a disgusting abuse of wealth redistribution, or as I see it, legal plunder.

The government should let these companies fail. Schools should let children fail. There is a lot to be learned from failure. The children that fail will repeat the grade or the course, and hopefully they will learn the material the second time around. If they still don't, then I pray they learn it the third time around. If a company fails they can declare bankruptcy, restructure and try again. If they still fail then they will probably get out of the business with what they have left and try again in a different business but with the knowledge they

gained from their past failure.

The great thing about failure is that no matter who you are or what you're doing, there are always second chances. There's always redemption.

Thomas Edison created over 10,000 versions of the light bulb before one actually worked. Sometimes it takes many, many failures to succeed. Thomas Edison has shown that success will come through hard work, perseverance and many tries.

Michael Jordan, in a Nike commercial says, "I have missed more than 9,000, lost more than 300 games and 26 times I have been asked to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed." Jordan shows that failure isn't a destination but rather an initial step toward success.

Failure is one of life's many teaching instruments, and one that everyone (including the government) should recognize as essential for success to take place.

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A question for The Colonnade's editors

What is your favorite book and why?



"Brave New World by Aldous Huxley because it made me think, and it has very strong social connotations."

Preston Sellers, senior, sports editor

"The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. I enjoy Fitzgerald's use of symbolism and exploration of the 1920s as well as the language he writes it in; he's brilliant!"

Mandy Boddy, sophomore, features editor



"The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test by Tom Wolfe. It's the most excellent example of literary journalism I've ever read, and Tom Wolfe has a way of putting words together that leaves you speechless."

Corey Dickstein, senior, editor in chief

"The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky. I like it because it is raw and emotional, and I like the style in which it's written."

Lissa Speer, junior, photo editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facebook privacy settings

Dear Editor,

You know what? I am sick and tired of people harping on and on about how Facebook is like a window to your personal life.

The editor of the Facebook article is simply as ignorant as the common Facebook user, and the advice given of being cautious about what goes on your profile would be great if it was the only option. Here's the thing, it's not!

Facebook has a huge variety of privacy settings that are quite easy to use, yet most people have no idea they are there.

Let me educate you: Friends Lists. To nearly everyone, this just means a whole list of your friends- the hundreds of people who you don't know too well yet, according to the editor of the article, are intensely interested in finding out your most secret information that you've publicized on your profile. Actually, friends lists are organizational tools deciding just who gets to see your pictures and how those people can access your information. You can make a new Friends List and categorize certain people by going to the Friends section of your profile and hitting the button on the left that says "Make a New List". Afterwards, you can customize the visibility of your wall, your contact information, and every other

part of your profile according to these lists.

Another cool thing you can do is remove yourself from Google search results. It's true that employers do look on employees' Facebook profiles, and there have been many instances of people getting caught lying about being sick or pictures of a drunken party being posted on facebook which have led to unfortunate firings. It's really simple to remove yourself from Google's search. The way you do this is by scrolling over "Settings" next to your name in the top-right and hit Privacy Settings. From there, go to Search and uncheck the box that says "Create a public search listing for me and submit it for search engine indexing". From this page, you can also manage who can find you while searching from within Facebook. There's a bunch of stuff that you can do to prevent embarassment, keep a job or just be responsible with the information you're sharing. The thing you need to do is take 5 minutes to look around Facebook and learn about them. Sure, it's a wonderful idea to be careful about what appears on your profile, but it's an even better idea to learn how to be careful about who can see those things.

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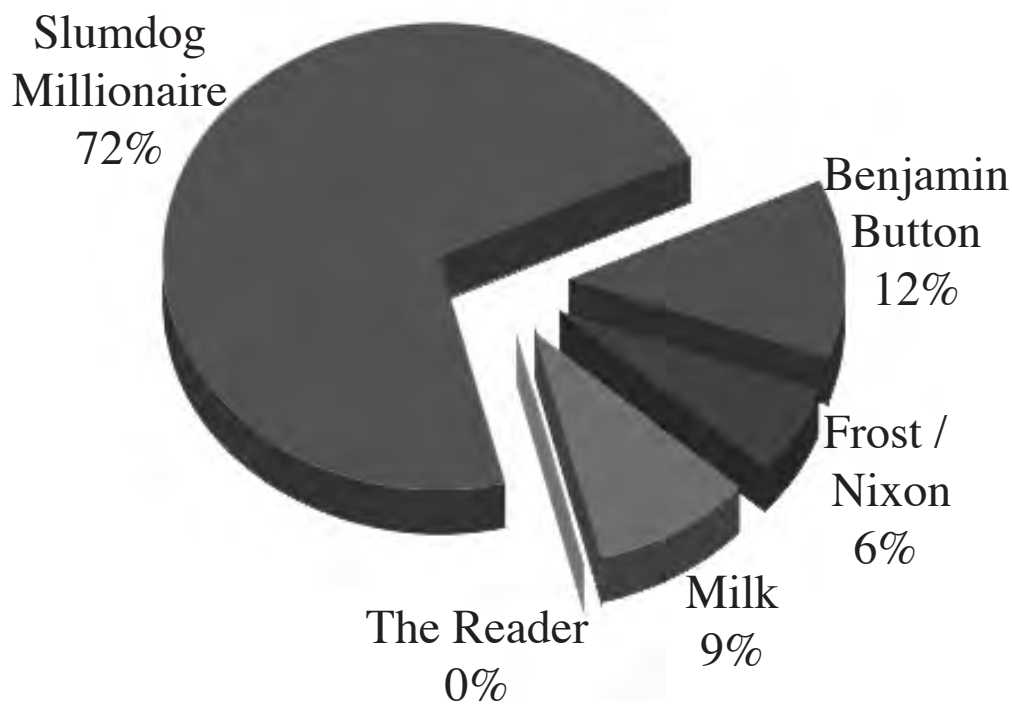
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GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN

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How are midterms going?



"Run over by a train and then reversed over."

Angela Mack, junior, history

"I don't have any; just projects."

Blaire Bachman, senior, mass communication



"I haven't had any."

Johnathan Vernon, freshman, management information systems



"Obama's taking care of my midterms."

Brian Mathes, senior, management



"Thankfully, I don't have any midterms."

Taylor Forester, sophomore, undecided



Reported by Taylor Ehramjian & Bobby Gentry

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I hate midterms.

To the people in Bell hall who enjoy running down the hallway laughing at awkward hours....STOP! Believe it or not, some people like to go to sleep at a decent hour. And we don't all want to hear your annoying little giggles as you stampede from one end of the building to the other.

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Homecoming 2009: Students 'party like rockstars' at Shop Boyz and Cartel concert



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Atlanta-based hip hop band Shop Boyz and Cartel, a punk rock band from Conyers, graced the stage at West Campus Friday night.

BY WARREN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Keeping in line with this year's theme, GCSU continued its Homecoming concert tradition. Cartel and Shop Boyz brought the party to the big green at West Campus Friday night.

More than 1,000 students and alumni flooded the gates starting as early as 6:30 p.m. Zara-Gray Rowe, sophomore mass communication major, arrived early hoping to catch a glimpse of the bands before they went on.

"It was definitely not the same as last year," Rowe said. "It was so much cooler!" Last year, SGA and Campus Activities Board brought Sister Hazel, a widely popular 90s alternative band.

A concert committee is formed each year to manage budget, band availability and local interest, all of which are taken into account for the band selection. This year, the Department of Campus Life, with the assistance of SGA and RSA, snagged Shop Boyz and Cartel, a pop punk band from Conyers, Ga.

Megan Moss, a freshman education major, expressed her excitement for this year's concert.

"I screamed when I heard Cartel was playing for Homecoming," Moss said. "I've loved them since tenth grade and I've always wanted to see them live."

Cartel has released two albums since they formed in 2003. The band has toured with others like New Found Glory and Boys Like Girls. Cartel also participated in the "Band in a Bubble" experiment and completed their second full-length album in twenty days while being watched live on MTV.

Cartel's lead singer Will Pugh spoke with a few lucky fans before the show.

"I'm glad we got to come back [to Milledgeville]," Pugh said. "I would have loved to have something this cool happen when I was in school."

Much like last year, the performance was held on the soccer fields at West Campus but fans gained a new concert experience.

"I was so close!" Rowe said. "I could reach out and touch them. I touched Cartel!"

Shop Boyz teased the crowd with a hip-hop mix of their most famous tracks before performing their chart topping single, Party Like a Rockstar. Cartel followed with an array of songs from their two previous albums.

The concert wrapped up around 11 p.m., but many fans wanted more.

"I didn't want to leave," Moss said. "They had to drag me away."

Many alumni returned for the celebration and took advantage of discounted ticket pricing.

Zach Mullins, SGA president-elect, explained plans for future Homecoming celebrations.

"It all comes down to money if we want to continue," Mullins said. "I can say that my administration has full intention of continuing the funding of Homecoming through the university's Student Fee Budgeting process."

Students can look forward to many more Homecoming celebrations like this year. Organizations like CAB, RSA and SGA are committed to continuing this tradition.

Allgood and Anderson crowned Ms. and Mr. GCSU

BY MATT ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming started with two disappointing losses for the men's and women's basketball teams, but the night ended with two winners. Now was the time to see if all that chalk, candy, time and effort would finally pay off. The crowd in the Centennial Center watched with anticipation as the GCSU cheer squad performed their talented routine, the new SGA members were announced and the result of Greek Week was finally known. The Mr. and Ms. GCSU winners from last year, Adam Hammond and Whitney Fee, strode out onto the gymnasium floor to the Mr. and Ms. GCSU nominees who waited anxiously to see if the crowns would be placed on their heads. Two of them got their wish.

Tyler Anderson and Keri Allgood were crowned Mr. and Ms. GCSU on Feb. 21.

Anderson represented his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi.

"I feel great," Anderson said. "I'm glad my mom could be here."

The Homecoming Chair of Delta Sigma Phi, Charlie

Rollins, felt Anderson was the best choice from his fraternity.

"[Anderson] exemplified all the qualities that not only were represented by the past Mr. GCSUs but also the qualities we thought he could bring to better the future candidates," Rollins said.

Keri Allgood represented her sorority Phi Mu and was overwhelmed with emotion.

"I am honored to be nominated," Allgood said. "It was unbelievable to win. I love my Phi Mu."

The Public Relations Chair for Phi Mu, Katie Farmer, believed Allgood was an obvious pick to epitomize her sorority.

"[Allgood] is a genuinely sweet girl," Farmer said. "You would be hard pressed to find any fault in her character. She worked harder than anyone on her campaign. It's an honor to say that Keri represents us, and she does certainly possess the qualities [the Phi Mu sisters] strive for."

Being the Homecoming Chair, Rollins had a big responsibility in helping Anderson win.

"The biggest challenge was getting the word out," Rollins said. "We wanted to

make sure that everyone out there knew he would make a great Mr. GCSU and that he deserved it as a person and as a student here."

Coordinating Allgood's campaign, Farmer found a few obstacles to overcome with the help of her sorority sisters.

"[Phi Mu encountered] challenges, such as staying within the budget, coming up with creative ideas to promote Keri and time management," Farmer said. "There was a small group of about 10 that did most of the work, but every girl in the chapter helped in some way from chalking and posting fliers to word of mouth referrals. We also had all the girls in the chapter donate candy and cookies to be handed out in support of Keri."

Some of the other nominees were awarded with consolation rankings.

Kweku Pobee from Pi Kappa Alpha was first runner-up for Mr. GCSU, and Bren Thomas from the Student Ambassador Team was second runner-up. Lisa Floyd from Kappa Delta was first runner-up for Ms. GCSU, and Ryan Branch from Alpha Delta Pi was second runner-up.



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Last year's Ms. GCSU Whitney Fee congratulates Phi Mu's Keri Allgood and Delta Sigma Phi's Tyler Anderson is crowned by former Mr. GCSU Adam Hammond.

Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS

GIVE Center Moment: Relay for Life



Relay for Life is an organization dedicated to honoring cancer survivors, paying tribute to the lives lost to the disease and offering a venue to raise money for finding a cure. By participating in Relay for Life GCSU students have continued the American Cancer Society's progress toward a future without the threat of cancer.

After the annual Relay for Life Kickoff, GCSU students and faculty joined with the community to form "Relay Teams." The teams have until the

Relay for Life Celebration night on April 3 to hold fundraisers. Students have until March 30 to create a team, but the sooner they register the sooner they can begin raising money.

According to the latest update from the GIVE Center, there are currently 66 Milledgeville teams, and 17 are constructed from GCSU. Currently, the top three team donors for this 2009 event are GCSU teams.

To date, Baldwin County teams as a whole have raised almost \$33,000 with a goal of \$238,000. There are about 590 participants involved and there is still room for more volunteers. GCSU students and faculty are encouraged to join a team, fundraise or donate through the GIVE Center.

The celebration will commence on April 3 at 6 p.m. until April 4 at 10 a.m., at its new home at SouthCreek, located at 2949 Hwy 441 South. Throughout the night, teams set up booths where they sell food ranging from ice cream to ribs. Some sell homemade items such as jewelry, and others have jumpin' inflatables for the children. During the event, at least one individual representing each team walks around the track. At 10 a.m. on April 4, the closing ceremony begins, where the team and individual who raised the most money is announced.

For more information contact The GIVE Center at 478-554-5700 or check out the National Relay for Life organization at www.relayforlife.org or galdwinga.com.

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-The American Cancer Society

Art provides insight on inner city conditions in Los Angeles

BY SOPHIE SINGER
STAFF WRITER

Inner city and dense areas, such as Los Angeles are tough living conditions, especially for young children and adolescents. The heart of Los Angeles, is a thriving center that gives individual attention to youth ages six through nineteen, while providing programs in academics, the arts and athletics.

HOLA Campus, located in and around Lafayette Park, is a "home away from home" for hundreds of kids. This program provides a safe area to hang out, is open all year round and is an alternative to hanging out on the streets where gang violence is very common.

Most of the youth involved, which consist of Latinos and a few African Americans, live

in communities where they are heavily impacted by gang violence, drugs and poverty. HOLA and its staff members, who are professional and highly talented volunteers, give them a chance to play, learn, explore and laugh.

Javier Carrillo, a young emerging artist from Los Angeles, California, joined the HOLA program when he moved from Mexico to Los Angeles at the age of seven. He is now a teaching assistant for HOLA, giving kids the chance he once had.

While being raised in a tough area in Mexico, Carrillo was around a lot of drugs and violence which influenced him into joining a gang. To stop the urge of joining one, he turned to sketching and painting.

Certain materials were not

available, so Carrillo started with graffiti, which he now considers his "negative" artwork. Inspirational artists, such as Andy Warhol, not only turned him into a more positive individual but also shaped his artwork into a more positive feel.

"Most of my work expresses events from my life as being a Latino living in a city neighborhood," said Carrillo.

According to Carlos Herrera, curator of GCSU's Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery "The works themselves are narrative stories that document Mexican-American culture."

Each one of his paintings has a significant meaning behind it. For instance, one expresses the stages of his wife. Another one of his paintings expresses his relationship with his father.

Carrillo uses bright and dark colors in order to express emotion and certain challenges that he faced during his lifetime.

"The compositions and colors that he used were almost mesmerizing," said Elizabeth Hunt, junior. "The depth among these paintings gives such an intimate feeling to his work."

Carrillo donated one of his paintings, "Letting Go" to GCSU, and it will hang at the Focus Museum.

The exhibit, "Mi Vida en Los Angeles" by Javier Carrillo, will be held in the Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery until March 13.



CLAIRE KERSEY / GRAPHICS & DESIGN EDITOR

Artist Javier Carrillo discusses his artwork in Blackbridge Hall.

The 1600's Mardi Gras rendition brings with it sex, drugs and humor

BY CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

"The Rover" is just about as good a production as we have ever seen from the GCSU Theatre Department; it's sexy, funny and truly astonishing beyond all expectations!"

It's been said that Paul McCartney and the Beatles were the definitive band of early pop culture in the 60s and 70s, but what if a yellow submarine could take them back to the Italian Mardi Gras of 1660? That's quite a time warp for anyone to consider, but all they would need is sex, drugs and a little rock n' roll to leave their mark, and with that same combination of success, "The Rover" is certain to leave its mark as one of GCSU's finest accomplishments in theatre.

Acted out in two segments with an intermission to split the difference, "The Rover" doesn't waste one second of its run as it quickly introduces most of its key players within minutes. There's Florinda (Lauren Adel) who doesn't love the man chosen for her, her sister Hellena (Caleigh Allen) who is way too beautiful to settle for a life in the convent and their nurse Callis (Rose Williams) who understands the danger of spontaneous young ladies but is too old to try and persuade them of anything else. That doesn't matter though, because with Bren Thomas there to deliver some fiery emotion as Don Pedro, these adventurous broads have all the protection they need.

Representing the Beatles' invasion are the four cavaliers who have come to Naples in search of a little fun amidst the Mardi Gras festivities. Among them is Belvile (Shaun Manny), who becomes Florinda's love interest. And by his side are Blunt (Nicholas Marone), Frederick (Scott Howard) and the rover himself Willmore (Sean Casey).

They all came for a good time as it encircles them in several musical sequences, but at the heart of their desire (and that of several others) is the top courtesan Angellica, who has a power of seduction that feels almost too-good-to-be-true even for those who are wealthy enough to afford her services. Destiny Andrews clearly understands the quality of her character and uses that quality to make the audience believe it every time she appears. Angellica may be "the victim" of a society that undermines women, but as we see in a crucial scene involving a gun, this social "whore" is certainly not a victim to the charms of any man looking for a "fun night."

Spoken from page to page in Shakespearean dialect, the entire cast of undergraduates in "The Rover" earns numerous golden stars as they show true commitment and respect



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Juniors Sean Casey and Caleigh Allen portray the play's main characters Willmore and Hellena.

to a style that seems to have been forgotten in recent years. As proven through his work in "The Tempest" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," Scott Howard has a natural gift for accentuation. On paper, the Frederick character appears to be a simple chess pawn among Belvile's group, but with some feisty chops and grinding body language, Howard creates a total package of potential in every scene and leaves all of it on stage when the show is over.

On a more thematic note, there is a heavy symbolism that exists among the numerous relationships created in the play, and while an uproarious applause is deserved in every perspective, the most effective vision, for me, came through the performances of Sean Casey and Caleigh Allen.

Willmore, the rover, is like a sexual predator who craves the smell of beauty, and as soon as he lays eyes on Hellena, all of his instincts go skyrocketing: "such a beauty cannot be expressed but silently adored!"

Although the primary focus of "The Rover" is set on its talented cast, it is also significant to mention the vivid production value that backs up every scene in its own unique way. The lights go out, we see stars, a full moon and at one point even a rainbow. The lights come on, we see an assortment of artistic stage production that includes Fat Tuesday masks, a set of admirable complexion and a variety of sword fights that were clearly choreographed with the best intentions. And closing the final door with a big dance sequence that includes the entire cast (including Colin Bragg with his guitar) is just icing on the cake.

Anyone who has been fortunate enough to experience previous GCSU productions certainly ought to know the imminent success that our program is capable of (and they have never failed to deliver solid results), but what director Karen Berman and company achieve in "The Rover" is above and beyond description. I guess studying film over the years has spoiled my logic a bit, but when you see a show that lasts nearly three hours, and includes such a devoted team of young talents who know it forwards and backwards without any second takes, you know you're in for a treat of astonishment. I'm sure that Aphra Behn would be lost for words.

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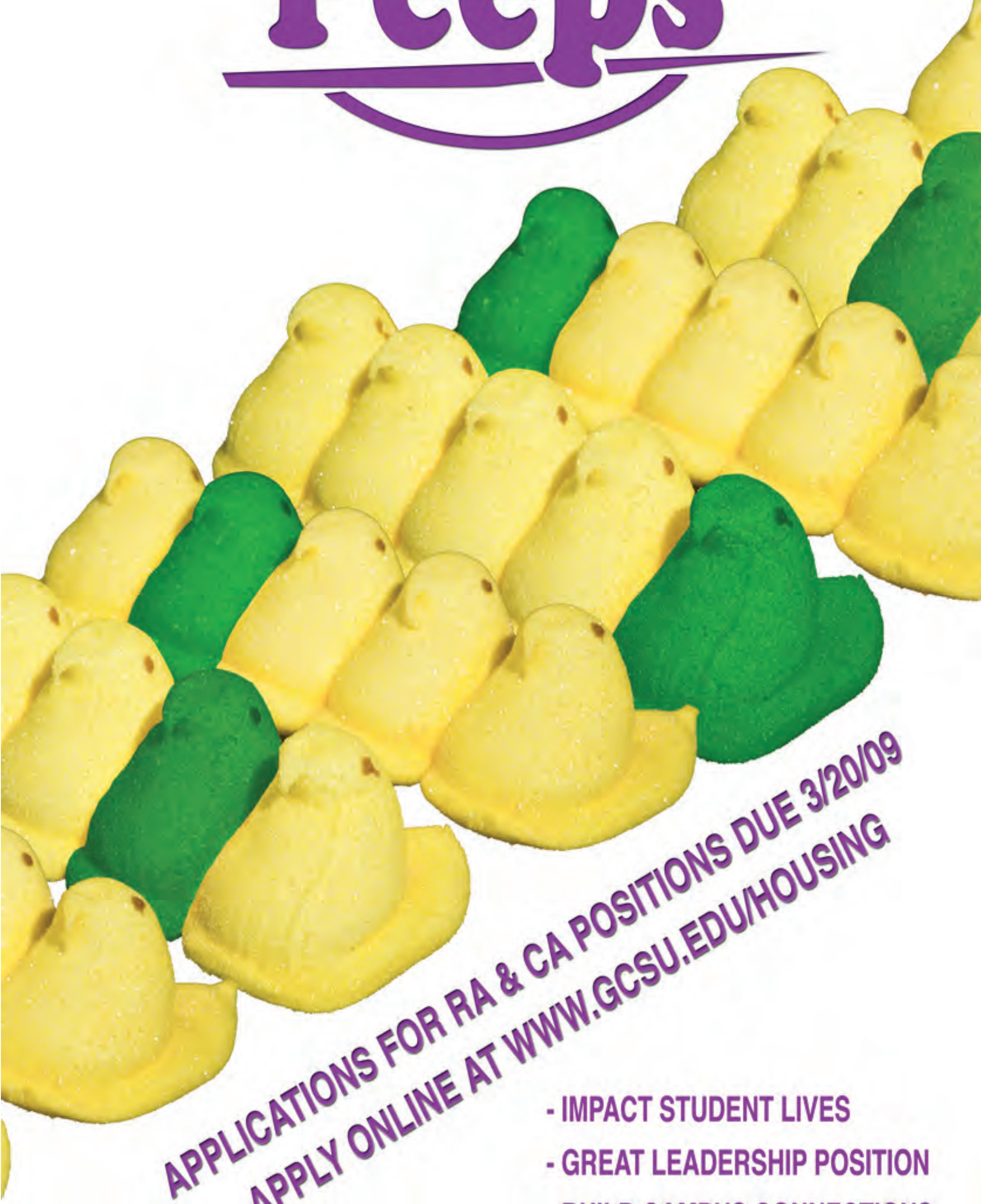
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‘Cats on nine-game win streak



ELISE COLCORD / STAFF REPORTER
Senior left fielder Derek Johns smacks a hit against Armstrong Atlantic last Sunday. Johns earned PBC Player of the Week and GCSU Athlete of the Week for his performance.

BY ELISE COLCORD
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team has increased its winning streak to nine games in a row as of Tuesday, Feb. 24 after a road victory over Valdosta State University.

The win follows a sweep of a weekend series against Armstrong Atlantic State University that put the Bobcats at 3-0 in the PBC.

In game one on Saturday, Feb. 21, the Pirates caught the Bobcats flatfooted initially and took an early three-run lead in the top of the first inning. The Bobcats held their own despite the four errors that contributed to the Pirates’ advantage.

The Bobcats came out strong on offense in the third inning. Junior shortstop Chandler Snell stole second base and junior center fielder Sean Harrell brought him in with the lone home run of the game, bringing the score to 3-2.

The Pirates again took advantage of two more errors, one in the fourth and one in the sixth inning but only bumped up the score 5-2 in the latter inning.

Offensively, the Bobcats picked up the pace. The hits were coming as solid flies and line drives to the outfield, yet the Pirate’s defense stayed solid, preventing base runners from scoring.

The GCSU offense finally came together in one fluid motion in the eighth inning. Senior left fielder Derek Johns began the hitting streak as he singled to right field and advanced to second on a fielding error. Junior designated hitter Buddy Elmore advanced to second as senior catcher Pete Paris singled by third. Senior second baseman Brooks Robinson hit a double, bringing home Elmore and Johns for a score of 5-4. Junior first baseman Matt Pitts brought home Robinson and a pinch runner, junior third baseman Paul Bordon, which gave the Bobcats a slim lead of 6-5.

Robinson commented on the performance of both teams this weekend.

“Pitching and defense were solid. Our pitchers stayed around the zone, and our defense is always solid, and they made plays when they had to without too many errors on their part,” Robinson said. “The Pirates turned in some key plays of their own, but with no victories to show for it. They did their part, but we had the upper hand on offense.”

Once the momentum was flowing, the Bobcats held their own on the field defensively as junior pitchers Kyle Cravey and Dylan Lightell kept the strikes coming, and a couple of double plays made for easy innings.

The Pirates gained one run in the ninth inning to tie up the game once again. Yet the Bobcats came through with 7-6 victory as Robinson brought

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Keaton’s three prevents two-game skid

Clutch shot beats Pembroke, avoiding upset bid and second straight PBC loss

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men’s basketball team narrowly avoided a second two-game losing streak in weeks when senior guard Shaun Keaton nailed a clutch three to beat the Pirates of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke on Wednesday night.

The Bobcats had recently lost a close one on Saturday in the Homecoming game against the Francis Marion University Patriots.

The Bobcats, who were ranked No. 25, were defeated by the Patriots by only two points with a final score of 67-65.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRPAHER
Senior forward Ken Kemp gets past his defender last Saturday. Kemp was injured in this game and his playing status will be crucial down the stretch for the Bobcats.

GCSU and FMU both started out playing well. However, as the game progressed, the Patriots lead over the Bobcats became greater. With 3:41 left in the half, the Patriots gained a ten-point advantage on the Bobcats 32-22. When the half appeared to be over and the buzzer went off, the Patriots were leading 36-30. However, senior guard Shaun Keaton had been fouled and four seconds were put back on the clock. This allowed Keaton to make three free throws and cut the Bobcats’ deficit to three points.

The Bobcats’ shooting average for the first half was 31.3 percent on field goals, 35.3 percent on three-point field goals and 63.3 percent on free throws.

GCSU’s highest scorer for the first half was Keaton with 14 points.

“We had too many defensive breakdowns,” Keaton said. “We didn’t knock down free throws at the end of the game like we normally do.”

The Bobcats made their move early in the second half. With 16:48 remaining in the game, a layup by Keaton tied the score at 38. Then, junior guard Graham Martin sank a layup to give GCSU a 40-38 advantage.

The greatest lead the Bobcats had on the Patriots was eight points when Keaton drained a three-pointer and made the score 48-40 in favor of the Bobcats. From then on, the lead changed hands and the game remained very close.

With 1:11 left on the clock, senior forward Ken Kemp made a steal and was going up for a layup when he was fouled and pushed into the bleachers. Kemp’s knee was injured and he received medical attention for several minutes. Kemp was eventually able to be assisted off of the court.

“We’ll have to wait probably until Monday and get it [Kemp’s knee] checked out,” Head Coach Terry Sellers said. “We certainly hope he will be alright because he is a very important part of our team.”

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Golf takes fifth at Pirate Invitational

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Coming off a fourth-place finish in the first spring event, the Bobcat golf team looked to contend in the Pirate Invitational in Savannah, Ga. GCSU struggled, finishing in a tie for fifth out of 12 squads in the tournament held Feb. 23-24.

The Bobcats won the event in 2007 and were runner-up last year. A slightly smaller field assembled at this year’s 54-hole tournament, hosted by Armstrong Atlantic State University. The opening two rounds were less than spectacular for GCSU. Usually consistent from top to bottom, the Bobcats struggled at the No. 4 and 5 positions.

First round scores ranged from a low of three-under 69 to a high of 82. Junior Niclas Johansson continued his solid play from last week’s Florida event with an under par opening effort.

Junior Francisco Bide and sophomore Billy Shida posted a 75 and 77 in round one, respectively. Unfortunately, the other GCSU competitors redshirt sophomore Matthew Yonz and junior Pedro Lima failed to break 80, ballooning the team score to 301.

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THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Bout time, Tiger. Yes I know he has been out with a pretty serious knee injury. And no, I don’t think he should have kept playing on a bum leg. My point is that no sport, ever, has missed an athlete on hiatus as much as professional golf has missed Tiger Woods these past eight months. Michael Jordan? Sure, the NBA missed him, but there were several other great players stepping up to become stars in his absence. The PGA simply does not have anyone on Tiger’s level except Tiger.

To the casual sports fan, not the golf fanatic, Tiger makes the game worth sitting in front of the TV for. What he has done to the game is create a “Tiger vs. the field” situation in which the other golfers are battling not only the course, but the knowledge that on any weekend, their absolute best may still not be good enough to win.

There has never been an American athlete in an individual sport like golf that has become as iconic as Tiger already has. From the huge endorsement deals to the supermodel wife, he has redefined the golfer as a top-level athlete in the vein of Jordan or Gretzky.

It would be easy for Tiger to be complacent; to say, “You know, I’m pretty much the best ever, what’s my motivation?” But that’s why the greats are different from everyone else. They have a supernatural drive to win, to be even better.

Remember Tiger’s last tournament before his surgery? The U.S. Open last June turned into one of the most dramatic endings in golf history when Tiger, basically on one good leg, beat Rocco Mediate in a 19-hole playoff. Afterwards, Tiger called it “possibly the greatest tournament I’ve ever played.”

Moments like this are reserved for the elites in sports, because they seem to always be around for that last birdie putt, the game-winning jumper, the dramatic touch-down catch. And what could be more appropriate as a send-off for his surgery?

Now that Tiger is back, golf’s ratings will surely soar, and there are sure to be quite a few disappointed players on the PGA tour, as Tiger picks up right where he left off.

The king is back.

Upcoming Sports

Baseball:

Feb. 27	3 p.m.	Augusta St.
Feb. 28	12:30 p.m.	Augusta St.
	3:30 p.m.	Augusta St.

Quote of the Week

“I told Stevie, it felt like we hadn’t been gone. Felt like business as usual....I thought I’d be more nervous than that.”
- Tiger Woods on his first round of PGA golf in eight months (The Golf Channel)

Stat of the Week

227

Bobcat senior guard Shaun Keaton’s current total career three-pointers made, good for first in GCSU history



THE SHORT STOP

Softball goes cold at Charger Chillout

BY BETH BENTON
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU softball team struggled in last weekend’s Charger Chillout Tournament in Decatur, Ala., but came back strong in their last game of the week, overpowering the University of South Carolina at Aiken Pacers.

On Friday, day one of the Charger Chillout, the Bobcats beat the University of Missouri at St. Louis 5-4 and the University of North Alabama 3-2. On day two, the team lost to Missouri University S&T 8-0 and to Kentucky Wesleyan University 1-0. On Sunday, the Bobcats fell to Lynn University 6-3 and Indianapolis 9-6, losing four straight games for the first time since March of 2007.

The Bobcats lost to USC Aiken 6-8 on Tuesday but defeated them 2-0 in game two.

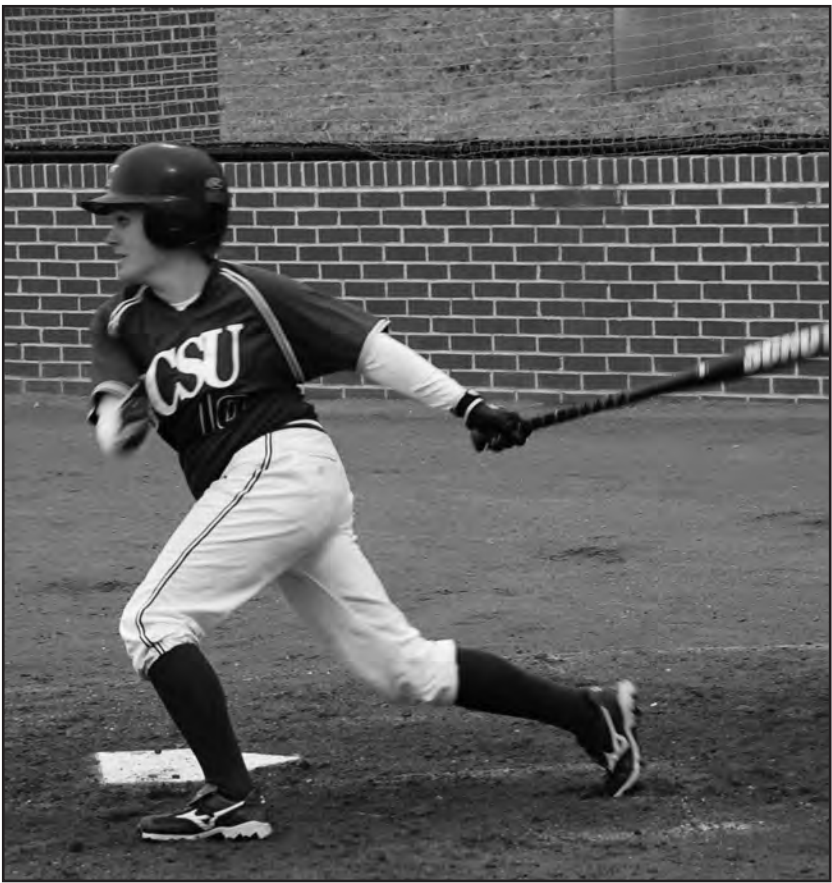
The UMSL game went ten innings, and senior Mandy Chandler pitched 7.1 of them, coming into the game in the bottom of third inning with two outs.

Senior second baseman Lindsey Swanson went 3-for-5 and scored one run, while senior first baseman Tonya Medders and freshman outfielder Stephanie Lezcano each went 2-for-5.

Game two against UNA ended in extra innings as well. The Lions scored the first run in the top of ninth off of a Bobcat fielding error, but the Bobcats came back in the bottom of the ninth when sophomore Kati Pickowitz scored on a sacrifice fly by Lindsey Swanson. The Lions took the lead in the tenth inning after Kendall Moore stole home. In the bottom of the tenth, Medders hit a single to right center, bringing in senior outfielder Sherquita Bostick and freshman catcher Anna Parker, giving the Bobcats their second victory of the day. Medders went 2-for-3 in game two, finishing 4-for-8 for the day.

Mandy Chandler threw all 10 innings of game two, recording 20 strikeouts. This is three away from the NCAA Division II record, which she set during her freshman year in the NCAA Tournament against Lenoir-Rhyne College. Chandler also passed Armstrong Atlantic State University’s Annie Sells for second place in PBC career strikeouts.

In day two of the Charger Chillout, the Bobcats



SEAN NOAH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior first baseman Chelsea Wilson takes off for first.

fell to Missouri S&T 8-0 and to Kentucky Wesleyan 1-0.

Injury and illness hurt the team on Sunday, as the Bobcats lost to Lynn University 6-3 and the University of Indianapolis 9-6.

“Right now we are just not playing to the best of our ability,” Head Coach Ginger Chaffinch said. “But once we start doing that I know we will do fine.”

In the Lynn game, the Bobcats scored one run in the first inning and two in the second, leading 3-0 until the sixth inning. The Fighting Knights came back strong, scoring six runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the win.

Mandy Chandler walked two batters, struck out three, and allowed three hits. After five innings, her sister Sabrina took over, giving up six runs and walking two and taking the first loss of her career.

Offensively, Swanson went 1-for-3 with two RBIs while senior first baseman Chelsea Wilson was 2-for-3. Lezcano went 1-for-3 and scored twice.

“Overall we need to step up our game,” Medders

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Braves hand Bobcats second consecutive three-point loss

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU women’s basketball team lost two heartbreakers this week, the first on Homecoming Saturday and the most recent on Wednesday night at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

In the Homecoming game, the Bobcats faced a huge challenge in the form of the No. 11-ranked Patriots, who came in at 17-1 in the Peach Belt Conference.

The game came down to the wire, but the Patriots made the clutch plays down the stretch to hold off the feisty Bobcats.

Senior guard Emily Bixler had a career night in her final Homecoming game, scoring 19 points including a perfect 13-of-13 at the line. She also grabbed 12 rebounds and swatted three Patriot shots.

Senior guard Tiauna Brantley also recorded a double-double, and sophomore guard Mandi Dudish and junior guard Shandrea Moore rounded out the four Bobcat double-digit scorers.

The team traveled to Pembroke looking to gain their confidence back against a sub-.500 opponent. However, on this night the upset bug would bite the Bobcats.

GCSU had a lead as large as 12 in the second half, but the Braves slowly ate away at the deficit, eventually tying the game with 46 seconds left to send it to overtime.

In the extra period, the Braves’ momentum proved to be the difference as they outscored the Bobcats 8-5, holding GCSU scoreless for the final 1:43.

Dudish led the way for the Bobcats with 14 points, including four three-pointers. Moore added 12, and Brantley recorded another double-double, this time with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The Bobcats had their poorest shooting night of the season at 29 percent, and only managed six points in the paint. They were also outrebounded 56-38.

GCSU has now lost four of its last five games by a total of just 13 points, after winning eight straight.

The Bobcats play next on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the University of South Carolina at Aiken, in the regular season finale. GCSU currently sits in a tie for second in the PBC, and Aiken is just one game behind. The result of Saturday’s game will be huge as far as PBC tournament seedings go. The Bobcats beat Aiken by 12 on Jan. 24 at home, but the Bobcats are just 3-7 on the road this season.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR REPORTER
Sophomore guard Dominique Huffin rises for a three against Francis Marion.

Golf

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Luckily, the majority of the other teams in the field were also struggling to stay around par at the tricky Southbridge Golf Club. This event routinely has some of the most difficult, tucked hole locations GCSU will see during the season.

Only two teams, Valdosta State University and Newberry College, broke 300 in the first round, each posting 295.

Round two failed to yield much lower scores. GCSU knocked only one stroke off round one, shooting 300.

Johansson continued to pace the effort with a second round 73, placing him in second place at two-under-par after day one. Shida had the low Bobcat afternoon round, with an even par 72. Bide shot 76, while Yonz and

Lima continued to struggle at the event.

Heading into the final round, the Bobcats sat fifth behind Peach Belt competitors AASU in fourth and Lander University in second. Valdosta State led the event after team rounds of 295-292.

Valdosta standout Brent Witcher led the individual race by three over Johansson.

Despite the poor opening 36, GCSU was only four strokes out of second place. A strong under par run the final day could have salvaged a nice finish or even a victory with a VSU slip.

Cool temperatures, wind and a frost delay shook things up for round three. Unusually high scoring continued on the final day.

“The greens were terrible and much slower than last year,” Johansson said. “You can’t complain though cause it’s the same for everybody.”

VSU struggled, posting a 308 despite Witcher’s low round of 68. Witcher ran away with the individual title by seven strokes at nine-under-par.

Lander’s closing 298 left them tied with VSU for the team crown. The schools split the title, as darkness ruled out a playoff.

GCSU shot 302, finishing the event in a tie for fifth with Coker College, behind third place AASU and fourth place Newberry. With the widespread poor scoring, the Bobcats were only eight shots out of first.

Johansson shot 74 to finish in a third place tie with AASU’s Chris Wolfe at even par. The Swede said poor iron shots gave him trouble all day but is proud of two late birdies that brought the round back to respectability.

“(Johansson) is playing with a lot of confidence,” Head Coach Jimmy Wilson said. “He’s a competitor who won’t let himself play poorly.”

Bide’s closing 75 left him tied for thirteenth, while Shida’s 80 snuck him into thirteenth for the week. Lima turned it around in the final round, posting the Bobcats’ low round of the day with 73.

GCSU hopes to harness positive vibes for the Rendleman Invitational in Catawba, N.C., next week. The Bobcats are defending champions of the event being held March 2-3.

“It’s a matter of playing with confidence instead of doubt,” Wilson said. “We have some time to work on things and get better.”



KYLE COLLINS / SENIOR REPORTER
Pedro Lima watches his iron shot. Lima struggled in early rounds last weekend, but shot the Bobcats’ low score of 73 in the final round.

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Men's tennis takes out No. 1

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The Bobcat men's tennis team won its third consecutive Peach Belt Conference match, all by 5-4 scores, on Tuesday, Feb. 24. What stands out about their latest victory is that it came against the No. 1-ranked team in the nation, Armstrong Atlantic State



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The No. 2 doubles duo in the country, seniors Erick Siquiera and Justin Pickham, await a serve.

University.

The No. 13-ranked Bobcats again decided their victory in the final match, when junior Max Beliankou defeated the No. 21 singles player, Tim Johanssen, in a hard-fought 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 win.

Prior to Beliankou's deciding match, the No. 2 doubles pair, seniors Erick Siquiera and Justin Pickham, dominated their match 8-3 at first doubles.

At second doubles, senior Francis Yoshimoto and freshman Leo Bernandez lost a tough 8-6 match. The Bobcats won the day in doubles when the third doubles pair of Beliankou and junior Giovane Nucci took a 9-8 nailbiter including a 7-3 tiebreaker to win it.

The doubles victories would be the key to Bobcat victory, as the singles matches were split 3-3.

No. 8 Siquiera dropped a decision to the No. 1 singles player, Eduardo Bonet, but Pickham and Yoshimoto each won their matches along with Beliankou for the three singles victories.

The men's team is in action again on Friday, Feb. 27 at Erskine College.

Athlete of the week: Derek Johns

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has named Derek Johns, a senior left fielder on the baseball team, its athlete of the week for the week ending Feb. 22.

Johns also earned Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week for his performance.

This is the first such award for Bobcat baseball this season.

Johns hit an out-

standing .550 this week with six RBI and five runs scored.

He dominated offensively against Columbia Union, going 3-for-4 with four RBI.

He continued his hot hitting against Armstrong, going .538 in the series with three stolen bases in the final game.

Johns is the first PBC Player of the Week since Pete Paris in 2007.



Johns

Men's Bball

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With Kemp's absence, the Bobcats were unable to hold off the Patriots, who took the lead 67-65 and were able to pull off the win over the Bobcats.

The highest scorer in the game was Keaton. Tacking 31 points on to the Bobcat's scoreboard, Keaton was 8-of-14 on field goals, 5-of-8 on threes, and 10-of-11 on free throws.

Keaton's play in Saturday's game allowed him to break a school record and tie another. He snapped the GCSU record of most three-pointers, a total of 224 throughout his career. The record was previously held by John Steensland (1996-2000). Keaton also tied with former Bobcat Aaron Clark (2004-2008), for most points scored in a single game at 31.

"It's good, but we didn't win," Keaton said. "I can't really enjoy it right now, but I am happy about it even though I am a little disappointed because we lost."

The Bobcats were on the road on Wednesday night to play the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The 'Cats, now ranked No. 24, defeated the Braves 80-78.

The game started with both teams playing aggressive offense and defense. For the majority of the first half the Bobcats were trailing UNCP by several points.

The first half ended with the Bobcats trailing the Braves 39-37. UNCP outrebounded the 'Cats 27-24. The Bobcats' shooting average for the first half was 33.3 percent on field goals, 15.8 percent on three-point field goals and 72.7 percent on free throws.

The highest scorer for the first half was senior guard Shaun Keaton, who put 11 points on the scoreboard. Keaton was 3-of-9 on field goals, 1-of-5 on three-point field goals, and 4-of-4 on free throws.

When the second half started, the Braves continued to maintain a slight lead on the 'Cats. Then Bobcats stepped up their efforts. With 16:01 remaining in the game, and the score tied 46-46, a layup by freshman forward Ryan Aquino made the score 48-46 in favor of the Bobcats.

From then on, GCSU remained in control of the game. With 14:18 left in the game, a three-pointer made by senior guard Justin Brown gave the Bobcats a ten-point lead, with the score 56-46.

Both teams continued to play aggressively and the Bobcats gained another ten-point lead when a three by Keaton made the score 70-60.

Baseball

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home the winning run in the tenth.

In game two, the Bobcats picked up the pace. Johns commented about the energy pick-up.

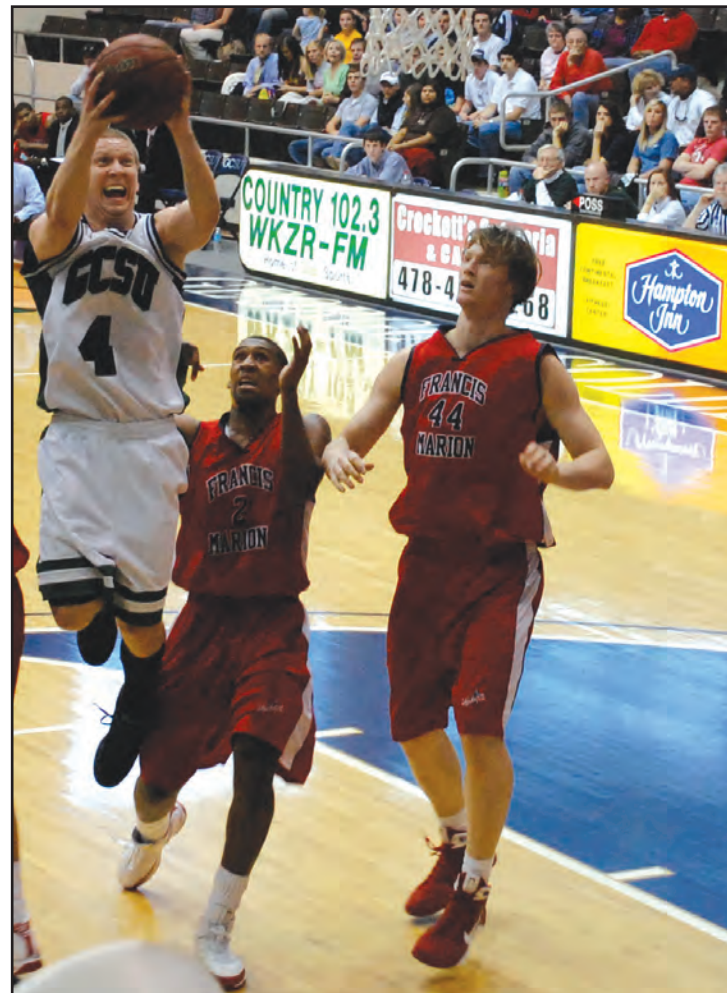
"First game we were pretty down, we came out a lot better in the second game," Johns said. "[The win] gave us momentum going into the second game."

The game remained tied until the fourth inning where the Bobcats pulled ahead with three runs and brought home one run in the fifth and seventh innings. Part of their successful offense is due to stealing bases. Johns stole three in the finale and Snell added one.

Head Coach Tom Carty commented on his team's offensive strategies.

"I think offensively we have enough balance that we can be really dangerous at times," Carty said. "We also steal bases which puts us in scoring position a lot."

The Bobcats took the final game 7-2.



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Junior point guard Ty Rowland splits the Francis Marion defense for a layup.

UNCP began to step up their effort, had an 11-point scoring streak, and gained a one-point lead on the Bobcats with the score 71-70.

With 1:05 left in the game, University of North Carolina at Pembroke made a jumper and gained the lead over the Bobcats 78-77.

When the Bobcats were trailing by one point with 14 seconds left in the game, Keaton stepped up and sank a three, winning the game 80-78.

Even though UNCP outrebounded the Bobcats 44-38, GCSU only committed six turnovers to the Pirates' 18. The Bobcats' shooting average for the game was 39.7 percent on field goals, 31.3 percent on three-point field goals and 66.7 percent on free throws.

Keaton, for the second game in a row, was the high scorer for GCSU. Keaton's 20 points came on 5-of-15 field goals, including 3-of-10 on threes and 7-of-11 on free throws.

Brown seconded that effort by tacking 14 points on the scoreboard. Brown was 3-of-7 on field goals, including 3-of-6 on three-point field goals and 5-of-6 on free throws.

The Bobcats play their final regular season game on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the University of South Carolina at Aiken.

"We just have to continue to work on the things that we have been working on all season," Head Coach Terry Sellers said. "Hopefully we can improve, do a good job and have some momentum going into the tournament."

Carty commented on the team's building chemistry.

"I thought we had a little layover from yesterday. We didn't play very well yesterday defensively and got in trouble the first game. We were lucky enough to do some things late and pitch well enough to cancel poor defense with good pitching," Carty said. "We didn't play that well in either game but we still won so maybe that's a sign that we can be a decent team this year."

On Wednesday, the Bobcats traveled to Valdosta and came away with an 8-5 win. GCSU pounded 13 hits in the game, including a 4-for-4, three-RBI night from Paris. Junior third baseman Steve Muoio was 3-for-5 with an RBI, and Johns continued hitting well, going 2-for-6 with two RBI and a run scored.

Junior closer Martin Dewald got the save, his third of the season, pitching a one-two-three ninth.

The Bobcats play a three-game series against conference foe Augusta State University on Feb. 27-28.

Softball

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said. "We have great potential, we just need to produce more runners and score more runs."

The Bobcats then faced Aiken in a road doubleheader on Tuesday.

In game one, Mandy Chandler tossed six innings, giving up six hits, two walks and struck out nine in her third loss of the season.

Offensively, sophomore leftfielder Kati Pickowitz went 2-for-3 with one RBI while freshman catcher Anna Parker also went 2-for-3 with two homeruns and four RBIs.

In game two, the Bobcats shut out the Pacers 2-0 after Bostick and junior outfielder Allison Schwimer both scored in the eighth inning.

Bostick singled down the left field line

with one out. Schwimer reached on an error by the third baseman and advanced to second, sending Bostick to third. Freshman Stephanie Lezcano hit a single to left field, advancing to second on the play and scoring Bostick. Schwimer scored on a wild pitch for the 2-0 final score.

The Bobcats win brought Mandy Chandler's record to 9-3 for the season. She threw eight innings, walking two, fanning 12 and giving up just three hits. Altogether, she pitched 14 innings and threw 21 strikeouts for the day.

Bostick was 1-for-1 with an RBI and one run, while Lezcano went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Medders and Swanson were each 1-for-4 at the plate.

The Bobcats will be back in action this week, playing in the Catawba Tournament in Salisbury, N.C. They open the tournament against Davis & Elkins College on Friday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Feb. 27-
Thursday, March 5

Friday, February 27

12:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Bacchus Area 9 Conference
Student Activities Center

3:00 p.m.

Bobcats Baseball v. Augusta State
Kurtz Field (West Campus)

3:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Bobcats Baseball v. Augusta State, West Campus
The Rover by Aphra Behn, Russell Auditorium
Between the House and the Chicken Yard
Pat Peterson Education Room

Saturday, February 28

9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Bacchus Area 9 Conference, Student Activities Center

12:30 p.m.

Bobcats Baseball Doubleheader v. Augusta State
West Campus

5:30 p.m.

Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. USC Aiken
South Carolina

7:30 p.m.

Bobcats Basketball vs. USC Aiken,
South Carolina

8:00 p.m.

The Rover by Aphra Behn, Russell Auditorium

Sunday, March 1

2:00 p.m.

The Rover by Aphra Behn, Russell Hall

Monday, March 2

10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.- 5:00p.m.
2:30 p.m.

Resume Review Days, 232 Lanier Hall
Resume Review with Enterprise, 101 Lanier Hall
Lady Bobcats Tennis v. Clayton State
Centennial Center

7:00 p.m.

Earth's Body: Women Poets and Ecopoetry
Arts & Sciences Auditorium

&;30 p.m.

Guest Artist Recital: Ian Altman, piano
Max Noah Recital Hall

Last Day to Drop a Course Without Academic Penalty

Tuesday, March 3

10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

Registration Workshop, 203 Chappell Hall
Registration Workshop, 203 Chappell Hall

Wednesday, March 4

12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.

GCSU Career Expo, Magnolia Ballroom
Women on Wednesday: Scientific Policy
Advising: Will Obama Change the Profile of
Women Scientists?
143 Maxwell Student Union

12:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.

Times Talk, Beeson Hall, Lower Level
Lady Bobcats Softball v. Barry, West Campus
Bobcats Baseball v. Augusta State, West Campus

Thursday, March 5

2:30 p.m.

Bobcats Tennis v. Mount Olive
Centennial Center

3:00 p.m.


Career Talk on WGUR 88.9FM
WGUR 88.9FM

7:00 p.m.

Visiting Artist Judy Baca
Arts & Sciences Auditorium


8:00 p.m.

GCSU Jazz Band Spring Concert
Russell Auditorium



THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Snack Machines

On Feb. 19 at approximately 9:28 a.m., a subject reported that the snack machines at the Centennial Center had been damaged. He stated that this had been an ongoing problem and wanted the vending machines moved. The subject stated he would have the machines moved or taken out of the building.

Keyed

On Feb. 20 at approximately 9:00 a.m., a subject reported that while her vehicle has been parked at The Village, near building 600, someone had keyed the vehicle several times in the last three weeks. The case has been turned over for investigation.

Drug Bust

On Feb. 20 at approximately 12:00 p.m., Sgt. Baker observed a wallet laying in the middle of the street in the 100 block of South Wilkinson Street. While attempting to locate owner information from the wallet, Sgt. Baker found a small baggie of suspected cocaine in the wallet. The wallet and suspected cocaine have been placed into evidence pending contact with the owner.

Passed Out


On Feb. 20 at approximately 1:00 p.m., Sgt. Reonas was dispatched to the Student Activity Center in reference to a person passing out. Contact was made. Sherberger advised she began feeling ill and tried to walk outside when she passed out. EMS responded and transported Sherberger to Oconee Regional

Intoxicated

On Feb. 20 at approximately 9:00 p.m., while working at a concert at The Village Officer J. Miller made contact with a subject. She was so intoxicated that she could hardly stand up. A different subject approached Officer Miller and she too was intoxicated. Both women were issued citations for underage possession of alcohol. Brown was transported to Oconee regional Medical Center due to her BAC of .258.

Knifing

On Feb. 22 at approximately 2:00 p.m., Officer J. Miller was approached by three male students who claimed another student pulled a knife on them. Contact was made with the suspect, who was very intoxicated. He was unsteady on his feet, his pupils were dilated and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Investigations found no proof that the suspect assaulted anyone. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.



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Wilderness Leadership

12 days in the field Backpacking & Rock Climbing- May 11-28 the Trip Costs approximately \$375. Learn the fundamentals of leadership and teaching in the backcountry. there is an Informational Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Centennial Center 238. Contact the instructor, Will Hobbs. It is brought to you by the GCSU Outdoor Education program, Dept. of Kinesiology.

GCSU Career Expo

The Career Center will be presenting the GCSU Career Expo on Wednesday, March 4 from Noon – 3 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom. Students and alumni can attend this event. Following this event, we will have a presentation by the Peace Corps at 4 p.m. in Maple Room in the

Student Activities Center which is around the corner from the ballroom. The Peace Corps will also have a representative at the Career Expo. Companies are recruiting for interns and full-time employees. We have a few graduate school programs registered as well. To help students get their resume and networking skills ready for this big event, we encourage them to attend one or all of the events.

Flannary O'Connor

A new biography of Flannery O'Connor is being released this week by Little Brown Publishers. "Flannery: A Life of Flannery O'Connor" by Brad Gooch hits the stands on Feb. 25. The author will be at the GCSU Museum in the Pat Peterson Education Room on Friday evening, February 27, for an author talk beginning at 8:00

p.m. Gooch will be at Andalusia the following afternoon, Feb. 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a reception where guests can purchase the biography and have it signed by the author (books will not be available at the Friday evening event).

Life In Sweden

Dr. Carita Paradis, visiting professor from the English faculty at Växjö University in Sweden, will talk about Life in Sweden this coming Monday, March 2, at 2 p.m. in Chappell 113. Dr. Paradis will also take questions.

If you are interested in Sweden, considering studying there or just want to learn about the world, please come on Monday from 2-3:15 p.m.

Greek week, Homecoming week and an exciting batch of SGA elections have come to a close, and schedules are beginning to normalize.

With that being said, SGA is proud to report a new executive staff will begin working on next year and will strive to continue the work being done now.

Zach Mullins will be the new SGA president after garnering around 60 percent of the vote. He will lead along side SGA's new vice president, Kayla McCollum, who won a tight 3 way race by earning close to 40 percent of the votes cast. Lastly, freshman Ross Sheppard eked out a victory in his race to be the SGA Treasurer, by beating the nearest challenger by fewer than 60 votes. The Office of Secretary will be held for a second straight year by David McLaughlin, who ran unopposed.

Furthermore, the proposed constitutional amendment voted on last week also passed by a huge margin, which most in SGA are pleased to see. It will allow for an improvement of the constitution and by-laws on a grammatical and aesthetic level.

Apart from the individual race results, SGA was extremely excited about the voter participation which was at an all time high. At final tally, 2299 votes were counted which equates to approximately 40 percent of the entire student body. That percentage is the highest for

any school in the state of Georgia, and SGA hopes that number will continue to rise in future years.

While no one expected the participation numbers to be as high as they were, most were expecting a large turnout simply due to the level of campaigning. Because of the high level of activity during the last week, SGA has not engaged in as much new business; however, the success of Homecoming week is due in large part to the work of SGA and its dedicated members. As the current administration nears its final day

ys, and the new leaders gear up to continue to serve, SGA is dedicated to serving the students of GCSU and enacting policy that will benefit the college as a whole.


New SGA executives will take office May 15.

Get to know your new SGA Executive Board

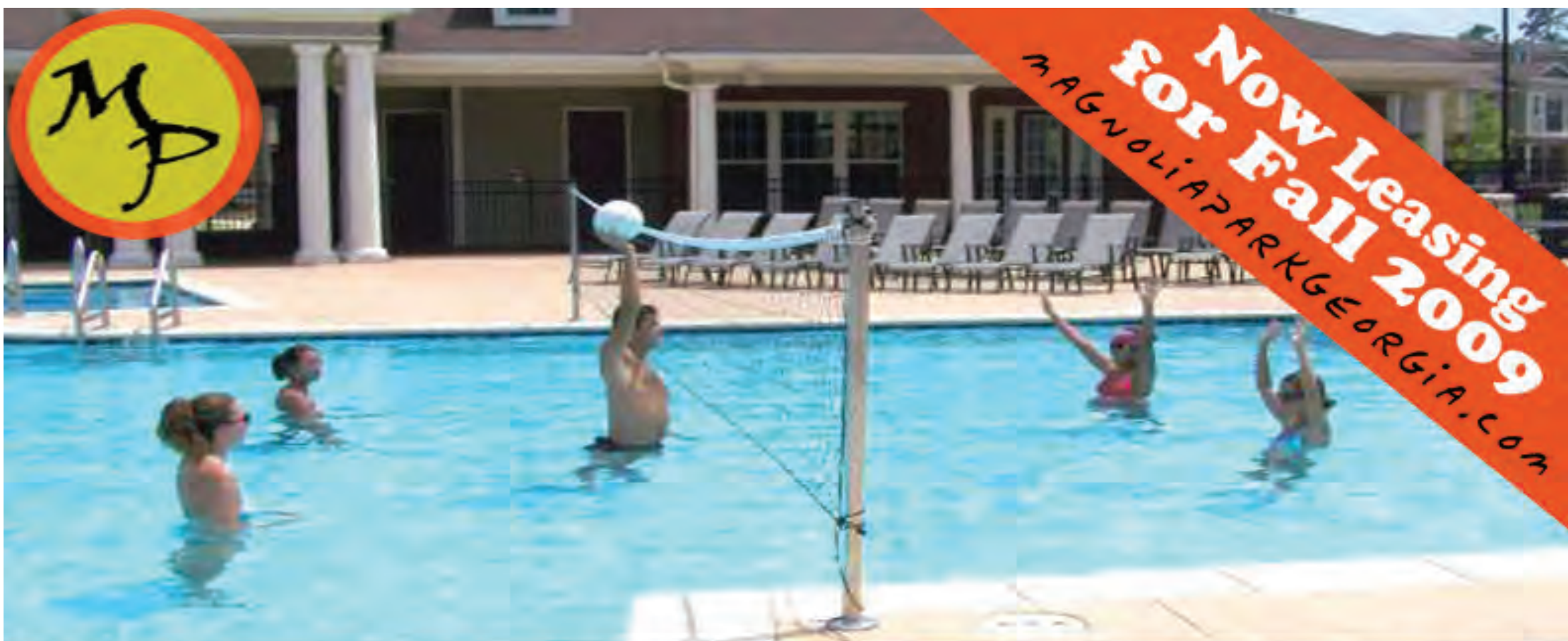
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